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DUCK-STAMP DOLLARS PUT TO WORK
ON MINNESOTA WILDFOWL REFUGE ✓

The first of the duck-stamp dollars have been put to work restoring waterfowl breeding areas.

Cooperating with the Minnesota Department of Conservation, the U. S. Biological Survey has recently established the Talcot Lake Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, in Cottonwood County, Minn., and with funds from the sale of migratory waterfowl hunting stamps the Bureau is restoring the area to its former usefulness for wildlife. This project is the first to be financed by the duck-stamp revenues.

Sponsored by E. V. Willard, Conservation Commissioner of Minnesota, and realized largely through his personal interest and active cooperation, the Talcot Lake refuge is regarded by the Biological Survey as an example of the results obtained when conservationists work together. Destroyed by drought, the lake is now being reflooded to provide habitat for waterfowl and fishing for sportsmen. This dual purpose is being accomplished through an agreement whereby the State Department of Conservation will acquire the lands and flowage rights and the Biological Survey will construct a dam in the near-by Des Moines River to restore the lake and to control water levels.

Approximately half of the 2,035-acre refuge is being conveyed to the United States for the Biological Survey's use as waterfowl breeding and feeding grounds, including a dry savannah that will be restored to its former marsh condition. The remainder, including most of the lake proper, will be administered by the State for the benefit of fishermen and fur trappers, and in accordance with Bureau recommendations regulated fishing and trapping will be allowed throughout the area to such an extent as will not interfere with the primary use of the refuge for waterfowl conservation purposes. The State will assist in patrolling and otherwise protecting the refuge, and the Bureau will undertake the biological development of the area and will introduce aquatic plants for waterfowl food and cover.